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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION WITH INDIA ON DISPOSAL OF STOCKPILED OPIUM

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SUMMARY: GOI IN FORMAL REPLY TO EARLIER USG APPROACH RECOGNIZES WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF OPIUM AND HAS NO OBJECTION TO USG STOCKPILE DISPOSAL. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS AS ACTUAL LEVEL OF INDIAN PRODUCTION, PRICES, AND ALLOCATIONS TO US FIRMS WITH MOF OFFICIALS DIRECTLY CONCERNED. END SUMMARY.

1. ARORA, DEPUTY SECRETARY AMERICA DIVISION, MEA CALLED IN ECON COUNSELOR OCTOBER 15 TO DELIVER FORMAL GOI REPLY TO USG PAPER (REFTEL) AS FOLLOWS:

"AIDE MEMOIR

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHARES THE CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OVER SHORTAGE OF OPIUM REQUIRED FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES. THE NEED FOR NATURAL OPIATES IS ON THE INCREASE
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THE WORLD OVER FOR MEDICAL USE, BUT SOMEHOW, SOME OF THE POLI-

CIES PURSUED HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A SITUATION WHEREBY THE SUPPLY OF OPIUM HAS NOT KEPT PACE WITH THE INCREASING WORLD DEMAND, THE PROBLEM OF DEFICIT HAVING BEEN FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY THE STOPPAGE OF POPPY CULTIVATION IN TURKEY FROM END OF LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, IN THE GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE UNITED STATES RELEASING FROM THEIR STRATEGIC STOCKPILE NECESSARY QUANTITY OF OPIUM OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS TO MEET THEIR SHORTAGE, SUBJECT TO THE ASSURANCES GIVEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE MEMORANDUM SENT BY THEM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

"RECOGNIZING THE INDISPNSABILITY OF THE OPIUM ALKALOIDS IN THE PRACTICE OF MODERN MEDICINE, A CONCERTED MOVE BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR STEPPING UP THE PRODUCTION OF LICIT OPIUM UNDER PROPERLY CONTROLLED CONDITUONS AND WE DO APPRECIATE THE SUGGESTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH US ON THIS SUBJECT, PRIOR TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE U.N. COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, WHEREIN AN ITEM ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA.

"IN SO FAR AS THE SUPPLY OF OPIUM TO U.S.A. IS CONCERNED, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE DEMAND OF OPIUM IN U.S.A., AS MAY BE SEEN FROM THE ENCLOSED STATEMENT. MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLIES AT THE EXISTING LEVEL OR THEIR INCREASE OR DECREASE WOULD EVENTUALLY DEPEND ON THE TOTALITY OF WORLD DEMAND AND INDIA'S PRODUCTION. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE TO KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW THE DEMAND OF OPIUM IN U.S.A. WHILE MAKING THE ALLOCATIONS.

"NEW DELHI THE 11TH OCTOBER, 1973.

"STATEMENT SHOWING THE SHARES OF U.S.A. IN THE EXPORTS OF OPIUM FROM INDIA

	TOTAL EXPORTS FROM INDIA	EXPORTS TO U.S.A.	SHARE OF U.S.A. IN OPIUM EXPORTS
1967	416	56	13 O/O
1968	555	85	15 O/O

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1969	663	134	20 O/O
1970	808	183	22 O/O
1971	894	192	21 O/O
1972	887	217	24 O/O

1973 859 194 22 O/O"

2. COMMENT: MEETING WAS EXTREMELY AMICABLE. MEA AWARE THAT
KEY ISSUES SUCH AS LEVEL OF PRODUCTION, POPPY STRAW POLICY AND
ALLOCATION TO US FIRMS NOT ADDRESSED IN GOI REPLY. MEA AND EMBASSY
PREFER THIS BE HANDLED DIRECT WITH MOF OFFICIALS INVOLVED.
EMBASSY WILL REPORT ON THESE DISCUSSIONS AS THEY TAKE PLACE.
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